

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 190, which starts with "The following discussion illustrates only some of the possible configurations " with the following amended paragraph:

The following discussion illustrates only some of the possible configurations claimed in this invention and should not be interpreted as limiting the scope of the claims. Fig. 1 shows the preferred embodiment of the syringe loading system, or apparatus, (10) which assists in guiding a syringe (12) into a medicine vial (14). The syringe ~~guide~~ loading system (10) consist of three major components, a sectioned box (16), which holds the medicine vial (14), a changeable syringe guide member members (18) which accommodate syringe (12) and fit into section box (16) holding vial (14), and a lid (24) which may cover both medicine vial (14) and the syringe guide (18) currently in place. The changeable syringe guide member (18) has an aperture through it which is slightly larger than the barrel diameter of a syringe (12). A syringe (12) is inserted through this aperture to accurately guide it to a medicine vial (14) held by sectioned box (16). Fig. 13 shows interchangeable syringe guide members (18a) and (18b) which accommodate different size syringes as shown in Fig. 13. Interchangeable syringe guide members (18a & 18b) fit into cavity (28). The larger diameter syringe (12) in Fig. 13 is of a type which may be used in insulin pumps, and shows the versatility of the system. The portion of sectioned box (16) holding medicine vial (14) is sized large enough to accommodate several sizes of medicine vials. This can be seen by the space around medicine vial (14), particularly at its end. ~~The changeable~~

~~syringe guide member (18) and the lid (24) are made of suitable material to allow the syringe (12) to be observed through the lid (24) and changeable syringe guide member (18) with the lid (24) having its surface (26) shaped so as to provide a magnifying effect so that the readings on the syringe (12) are more easily seen. This magnifying effect in the lid (24) would also provide better viewing of the vial (14). On the changeable syringe guide member (18) are syringe retainers (20) which keep the syringe (12) engaged in the vial (14) while filling the syringe (12).~~

Please insert the following paragraphs after the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 190, which starts with "The following discussion illustrates only some of the possible configurations " and before the paragraph that begins at page 9, line 204, which starts with "To use the syringe guide (10), a person would select a changeable":

The changeable syringe guide member (18) and the lid (24) are made of suitable material to allow the syringe (12) to be observed through the lid (24) and changeable syringe guide member (18) with the lid (24) having its surface (26) shaped so as to provide a magnifying effect so that the readings on the syringe (12) are more easily seen. This magnifying effect in the lid (24) would also provide better viewing of the vial (14). On the changeable syringe guide member (18) are syringe retainers (20) which retain the syringe (12) engaged in the vial (14) while filling the syringe (12). An alternative embodiment is shown in Fig. 15 wherein lid (24) has retainer (27) projecting from it at the end where syringe (12) projects from the syringe loading system (10). Retainer (27) engages the back of the barrel of syringe (12) when lid (24) is closed and retains syringe (12) when its plunger is drawn to fill it.

Fig. 14 shows the syringe loading system, or apparatus, (10) from a different angle than

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that of Fig. 1. In Fig. 14, additional restraints (17) around the neck of medicine vial (14) are visible. Other means known in the art may also be used to maintain the position of vial (14) within the box holding it.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 204, which starts with "To use the syringe guide (10), a person would select a changeable" with the following amended paragraph:

To use the syringe ~~guide~~ loading system (10), a person would select a changeable syringe guide member (18) having the correct diameter and length to fit the syringe (12) to be filled, and place the selected changeable syringe guide member (18) in the sectioned box (16). The medicine vial (14) would then be placed in position in the sectioned box (16) to be held by section box (16) and the lid (24) closed, retaining both the vial (14) and changeable syringe guide member (18). A volume of air equal to the desired amount of medicine would be drawn into the syringe (12) and the syringe (12) inserted through the changeable syringe guide member (18) into communication with the vial (14). Turning the syringe (12) would engage tabs (22) on the syringe (12) into the syringe retainers (20). The air in the syringe (12) would then be expelled into the vial (14) and medicine drawn into the syringe (12) while reading the volume through the magnifying surface (26) of the lid (24).